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## Grace Reformed Church

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday .....	7:30 P. M.

The women of Section No. 1 will serve a supper in the Church parlors Thursday evening, February 3rd.

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The Catechetical Class meets on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There are about twenty in the class. We should have twice that number.

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For very special reasons we are anxious to get in all the pledges for the church debt as soon as possible. If you have not already filled out a card, will you not do so at once?

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The Christmas entertainments were splendid. The children did exceptionally well on Christmas evening. So did also the Choir on Sunday evening, December 27th.

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The Sunday School is having a revival. A new spirit of life and activity has come into the school and a large number of new scholars are coming in every Sunday. If you are not enrolled, you ought to be. Let every one be on the lookout for new scholars.

January 10th the pastor began a series of Sunday evening stereopticon lectures on missionary topics. Each lecture will be illustrated with from seventy to a hundred slides. These are some of the finest slides that can be obtained. At each lecture an offering will be received to pay the expense of the slides.

The following are the dates and topics of the lectures:

- Jan. 10.—In Darkest Africa.
- Jan. 24.—Our Filipino Cousins.
- Feb. 7.—Darkest Chicago.
- Feb. 21.—China's Teeming Millions.
- March 7.—Social Problems.
- March 21.—Japan and the Japanese.

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If you will miss the stereopticon Mission Studies on Sunday evenings you will be sorry. They are interesting and instructive. The next study will be on Sunday evening, January 24th, "The Philippine Islands and People." Do not forget your offerings when you come to these services. We are at quite an expense for the slides, and we must pay for them by special offerings.

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We are planning for a George Washington Birthday Entertainment on Friday evening, February 18th, for the Sunday School. We expect to have an interesting time for the children. We are securing some stereopticon slides for the evening. We will also have recitations and singing, and hope to have George and Martha Washington present for the occasion. Fuller announcement will be made later.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

Abstracts from reports read at the Annual Congregational Meeting held on New Year's evening:

*Financial Secretary's Report*.—Receipts by weekly pledges, \$1,079.05; loose collections, \$131.09; from other sources, \$261.96; total, \$1,472.10. Number of members who paid through the Financial Secretary in 1907, 238; number who paid in 1908, 249. Number of members who signed pledge cards in 1907, 107; in 1908, 115. Members who paid in 1907 without having signed pledge cards, 94; in 1908, 90. Balance due on subscriptions for 1908, when the annual statements were issued, Dec. 20, \$260.18.—W. A. Hobson, Financial Secretary, 1904-1908.

*Church Treasurer's Report*.—Receipts by weekly payments on pledges, \$1,078.05; miscellaneous, \$131.09; extra collections, \$4,692.22, including loan made January 10, 1908, for debt on church, \$3,943.05; total receipts, \$5,901.36. Disbursements: Pastor's salary, \$1,000; chorister, \$145.92; fuel and light, \$203.22; miscellaneous, \$4,552.22. \$5,901.39. Indebtedness from previous years, to chorister, Mrs. Zartman, \$41.94; to loan on church, \$3,910.36.—Respectfully, W. F. Close, Treasurer, 1904-1908.

*Sunday School Secretary's Report*.—Average weekly collections, first quarter, \$2.36; second quarter, \$3.95; third quarter, \$2.42; fourth quarter, \$3.64. Average weekly collections for the year, \$3.64. Total collections, first quarter, \$30.62; second quarter, \$51.39; third quarter, \$31.60; fourth quarter, \$75.69. Total for the year, \$189.30.—Respectfully, Irving Bitner, secretary; George Ruck, assistant.

*Sunday School Treasurer's Report*.—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$29.76; receipts from Sunday School Secretary, total for the year, \$189.30; total, \$219.06. Expenditures for the year, \$175.42. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$43.64.—Respectfully, H. E. Metzner, Treasurer.

*Report of the Woman's Aid Society*.—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$182.41; receipts during the year by monthly dues, suppers and other sources, \$519.87; total receipts, \$702.28. Expenditures, \$521.51. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$184.37.—Mrs. J. H. Straube, Treasurer.

*Young People's Society*.—Balance on hand from former Treasurer, \$2.26; receipts during the year from collections, \$10.32; by special donations, \$12.50; total, \$35.08. Expenditures, \$20.44. Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1909, \$4.64.—Raymond Close, Treasurer.

*The Woman's Missionary Society*.—Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$16.80; monthly dues and special offerings, \$42.73. Disbursements, \$31.15. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$11.58.—Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Treasurer.

*Music Committee*.—Total receipts for the year, \$67.63. Expenditures, \$52.67. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, \$14.96.—Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Treasurer.

*Grace Church Visitor*.—Receipts for the year by advertising and subscriptions, \$153.00. Expenditures, for printing and repairs, insurance on parsonage, etc., \$120.63. Net profit for the year, \$32.37. Same applied on debt on furnace in parsonage.—A. K. Zartman, Publisher and Editor.

Total receipts for the year from all sources, \$7,121.77. Deducting amounts loaned, and balances in hand Jan. 1, 1908, leaves a total raised by the church and the various societies of \$2,948.54. To this amount should be added the sum of \$85.00 already paid on pledges for the church debt.

*The Church Debt.*

January 10, 1909, the interest on the church loan was paid in full, to date, amounting to \$97.75. There was paid also on the principal on the same date \$179.32, reducing the amount of the loan to \$3,731.04.

*Pledges for the Debt.*

The pledges are still coming in. Three pledges amounting to over \$200 have just

recently been handed to the pastor. So far the pledges have practically all been unsolicited. The pastor is frequently interviewed by the members as to the amounts they should designate in their pledges. We are glad to talk with any on the subject, but each one is left to determine this matter for himself. So far the pledges have all been happy surprises to us. Surely the Lord is answering our prayers. We are confident His hand is in this work. We are now very confident and sanguine in our expectations. We started out with the hope of raising \$5,000. We are encouraged now to believe that the Lord will give us even more than this amount. If the members who have not yet filled out their cards will do as liberal things as those who have already given, the amount will go beyond the \$5,000 mark. We believe every member will do something, and will give liberally. We want the debt paid and we want an organ and the church put into good repair. If you have not already given your subscription, ask the Lord to help you to decide what to do. Anything short of this will be a mistake on your part. Be at least open for a talk with the Lord about this matter.

#### *Pledges for Current Expenses for 1909.*

The Consistory has decided to give every member the opportunity to make a new pledge for 1909. The Finance Committee, at the request of the Consistory, made out a budget of expenses for the year. The committee did so, and made its report to the Consistory, and it was adopted by a unanimous vote. The amount stipulated is \$2,100. This does not include benevolence but, includes pastor's salary, music, fuel, light, and all miscellaneous expenses. No special offerings will be asked for during the year if the above amount is provided for by weekly subscriptions. It is believed that this will meet with the approval of the whole church. The Consistory will ask that each member shall increase his subscription; if he feels that he can do so.

Some, we believe, will double their subscriptions on weekly payments, and they can easily do so. Others are perhaps doing all they can. One thing is sure, if all the members would give as liberally according to their means, as some do, the church would raise \$3,000 instead of the amount indicated in the budget prepared by the Finance Committee. Do not make your giving a burden to yourself, and do not give grudgingly—God loves a liberal and cheerful giver, and what we give for the support of the church to which we belong should be given with a glad heart.

The Consistory will insist upon having pledge cards signed by all of the members for the present year. At the close of the year there will be a published statement of the amounts pledged and of the amounts paid by each member. This has been suggested by members outside of the Consistory as well as by members of the Consistory. The Consistory is of the opinion that every member of the church should know all about the finances of the church and when fully informed they will contribute more liberally for the support of the church.

The following brethren were elected to office at the Annual Meeting on New Year's evening: Elders—H. E. Vordermark, W. F. Close; Deacons—H. E. Metzner, Charles Rogers; Financial Secretary—W. A. Hobson; Treasurer—W. F. Cloce. Sunday School appointments made at a joint meeting of the Consistory and Sunday School Teachers, Wednesday evening, January 13th—A. K. Zartman, Pastor and Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents, L. W. Hills and W. A. Hobson; Secretary and Treasurer, Irving Bitner; Assistant Secretary, George Ruck; Pianist, Miss Bertha Bitner; Superintendent Primary Department, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Assistant, Miss Neta Heyman.

The net receipts of the men's supper on New Year's evening were \$21.75.

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Mr. Beighler has been very poorly for the past weeks.

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Mr. Kessler's mother has been very sick, but is better again, and we hope will be up and about again in a very short time.

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Get ready to celebrate George Washington's birthday Friday evening, January 19th. It will be an evening for the children and young people. The entertainment will be given in the Sunday School room.

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Tuesday evening, January 12th, the young people held their business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Knott on Harrison street. They had a very interesting meeting, and a very pleasant social hour after the business session.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Zeis were received into the church Sabbath morning, January 10th. Before going to Cleveland Mrs. Zeis was a member of Grace Church. It is only natural that on their return, they would come back to us again. We are very glad to have the whole family in the church and extend a very cordial welcome to them.

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The men of the church have made the purchase of a stereopticon. We think we got a bargain. Every man in the church is asked to contribute one dollar to the fund. Pay your dollar to either of the men on the committee, F. E. More, J. H. Bruer, W. F. Close, H. E. Metzner, John Koepf.

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There is nothing so kingly as kindness;  
There is nothing so royal as truth.

The Woman's Aid Society had its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon, January 7th, at which time the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. C. H. Gumper; Vice President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Secretary, Miss Anna Doermer; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank More. The following ladies have been appointed on the Executive Committee: Mrs. John Schneider, Mrs. J. R. Bitner, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. H. P. Dinger. The Executive Committee, together with the officers, met at the home of Mrs. C. H. Gumper Wednesday afternoon, January 13th, to plan the work for the year.

The membership is divided into five sections as in former years, each section will serve one supper during the year, and on Thanksgiving Day the whole church will unite in giving a dinner. The ladies also decided to continue the sewings at the church, and in addition to the plans for work, each lady will be furnished with a nickel, by the society, and will be asked to put it out to usury and strive to increase it during the year, to as large an amount as possible.

The following is a list of the sections as they are arranged for the year:

Section No. 1—Managers, Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Miss Maggie Haverley; assistants, Mesdames Sarah J. Knight, A. M. Henderson, R. Gavin, D. H. Wilbert, M. Boger, Chas. Parker, Chas. Rogers, James Weikart, Grace Arney, J. Hetrick, Ed. Chausse, P. Richards, Kate Certia, Carrie Eckert, William Smith, Ed. Siebold, Dayton Baltzell, May Schaich, Fred Schearer, J. Weaver, E. Endinger, R. F. Dinger, David Schlatter, and Misses Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Gertrude Thompson, Beatrice Benninghof, Elsie and Minnie Weikart, Dr. Bertha and Rose Goba, Ella Kly.

Section No. 1 will serve supper Thursday evening, February 3rd. No. 2, March 25th; No. 3, May 6th; No. 4, July 1st; No. 5, Sept. 2nd.



The New Movement Bible Class has now an enrollment of about thirty-five. On a recent Sabbath morning five Hungarians were in the class. John H. Bruer has been elected secretary and treasurer of the class; F. E. More assistant. We are aiming to reach an enrollment of one hundred by Easter. If you will attend one meeting of the class we are sure you will want to come again. We are having interesting discussions. For the entire year we will study the Book of Acts. Why not join the class?

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Christian Endeavor Day will be observed by the Young People's Society on day evening, February 19th, for the special service commencing at 7:30. Everybody, young and old, should attend this service and hear what the Christian Endeavor Society is doing throughout the world.

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January 24th.—Life Lessons from Genesis.—Gen. 1:1-8; 26, 31. Leader, Irving E. Bitner.

January 31st.—Missionary Study Class on China. Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

February 7th.—Life Lessons from Job.—Job. 42:1-6; 10-17. Leader, Mrs. D. F. Knott.

February 14th.—Christian Endeavor Day. Special service in auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

February 21st.—The Slough of Despond.—Ps. 69:1-4; 13-18; 40:1-3. Leader, Wm. Hobson.

February 28th.—Missionary Study Class on China. Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

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The Young People's Society of the Grace Reformed Church met with the Young People's Society of the Salem Reformed Church Sunday evening, January 17th. They had a very interesting meeting together.

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Mrs. Zartman spent the day, January 4th, at Winona Lake, with Rev. and Mrs. Parley Zartman.

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